

September 12, 2021
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Affirmation Sunday



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INTRODUCTION

Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of *messiah*) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross.

WELCOME

Please stand

Shake Off The Dust

Verse 1:

**If your day is draggin'
Pick it up and move ahead
If your heart is hangin'
Cut it loose to fly instead**

**When you get discouraged
Give it to the Lord
He will lift your burdens
And bless you even more**

Verse 2:

**Tangled in temptation
Satan tries you once again
Strangled by frustrations
Will the battle ever end**

**Power of the Spirit
Let Him take control
Devil leaves you fearin'
You can tell him no.**

Chorus:

**Shake Off The Dust
Leave your troubles far behind
Shake Off The Dust
You can do it if you try
Shake Off The Dust
You've got heaven on your side
Shake Off The Dust
And let your spirit shine, yeah**

Verse 3:

**It's hard to get inspired
When your hopes begin to fall
Show Him your desire
He will answer when you call**

**When you get discouraged
Give it to the Lord
He will lift your burdens
And bless you even more**

Chorus:

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Leave your troubles far behind
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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; ⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. ^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

The holy gospel according Mark. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Please stand

HYMN

I Won't Go Back

**I've been changed, healed, freed,
delivered
I've found joy, peace, grace, and favor**

**I've been changed, healed, freed,
delivered
I've found joy, peace, grace, and favor**

**Right now is the moment,
Today is the day
I've been changed
I've been changed
I have waited for this moment to come
And I won't let it pass me by**

**I Won't Go Back
I can't go back
To the way I used to be
Before your presence came and changed
me**

**I Won't Go Back
I can't go back to the way I used to be
Before your presence came and changed
me**

**All my shame, guilt, sins, forgiven
No more chains, fear, my past is over**

**Right now is the moment,
Today is the day
I've been changed
I've been changed
I have waited for this moment to come
And I won't let it pass me by**

**I Won't Go Back
I can't go back
To the way I used to be
Before your presence came and changed
me**

**Never going back
I am never going back
Never going back
To the way it was**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition ends

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ. There is a large Offering box for use in person.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thank You

Brenda Copher, Guest Vocalist

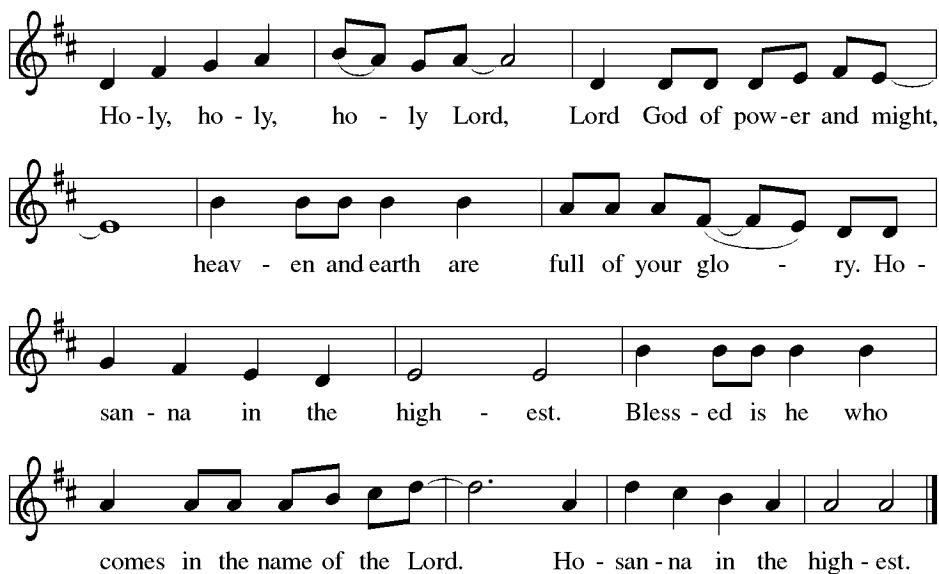
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Please sit

LAMB OF GOD



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so-tros, ten pie-dad de no - so-tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



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have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



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O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

I Surrender

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAMILY TIME WITH ANNE

INVITATION TO MINISTRIES

BLESSING

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ✝ one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Please stand

HYMN

LORD OF ALL

**Lord of all and ruler of nations,
You are God of all the earth.
Let all of Your people praise you
And sing of Your marvelous works.
Every knee shall bow before You,
And every tongue will confess
That You are Lord... of all.
Yes, You are Lord... of all.**

**With every breath that I breathe I will
praise You.
With every song that I sing I will praise
You.
You are my God and my King, There's no
one greater.
For You are Lord... of all.
Yes, You are Lord... of all.**

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Yes, You are Lord... of all.**

[Instrumental]

**We worship You, all glory's Yours
You are the Lord, the Lord of all.
We worship You, all glory's Yours
You are the Lord, the Lord of all.
We worship You, all glory's Yours
You are the Lord, the Lord of all.
We worship You, all glory's Yours
You are the Lord, the Lord of all.**

**Oh, oh, oh, oh
Oh, oh, oh, oh**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.

Thanks be to God!

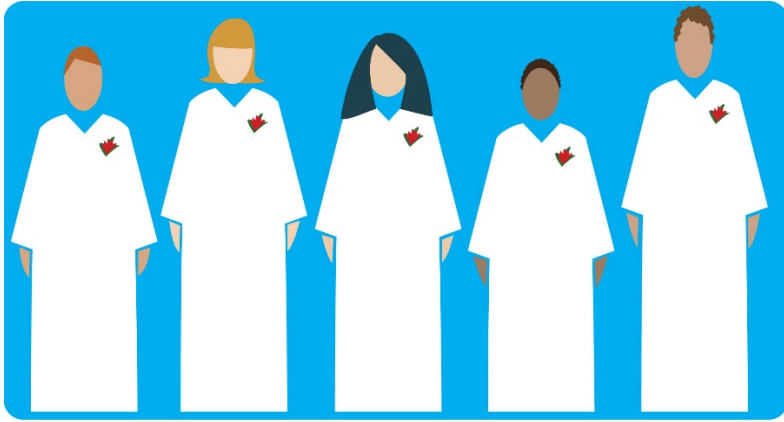
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Please join us following this morning's service for
cake under the tent.

We are celebrating ministries at Good Shepherd.
Please stop by the tent and see how you might use your gifts.



Kudos to Our Confirmands

*The newest members of Good Shepherd will be under
the tent following this morning's service.*

Please take a moment to greet them.

James Hendershot – Confirmand & Lector

Corey Stolpe – Confirmand & Greeter/Usher

Hollis Varley – Confirmand & Greeter/Usher

Thank you to our



Tania Navarro - Vocals

Kathy McAbee - Vocals

Kirsten Joyer - Vocals

Calvin Jones - Vocals

Richard "Stretch" Bruyn - Keyboards

Daniel Harris - Guitar

Daniel Navarro - Bass

Dennis Mones - Drums

Brenda Copher, Guest Vocalist